

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
May 2, 2018 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

At 7:38, Peter Ardito opened the meeting with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2018 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call: Peter Ardito-present Genevieve Tarino-present via skype
 Mary Ann Schran-absent Laura Fitzgerald-present
 Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present at 7:42
 Meredith Budinich-present

Also present: Liz Budinich for the Green Team.

Minutes of April 4, 2018: Meredith moved to approve, second Anne. All in favor. Carried.

Treasury Report as of 1/31/18: Tree Bank \$6772.23

Green Team \$1421.19

Environmental Commission from Borough Budget \$500

Boy Scout Visit: Ryan Jordan, from Troop 616, visited to discuss possible Eagle projects. He showed interest in working on part of the project to be created between the Library and Borough Hall. Peter and Genevieve spoke about the pollinator garden. Anne stressed that the plants must be native. The cost would be \$1000-\$2000. Another idea is the rain garden at HP School, as is a trail or benches for the gardens. He hopes to finish it over the summer. Marti will email him the form. Peter encouraged him to reach out to Ann Bistriz.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: Theresa did a waste audit at HP School. She also did a lunch and learn. On 5/3 there will be an 8th grade cleanup of the school property and back woods. There will be an ice cream truck paid for by clean communities. There was an impromptu cleanup on 4/28. Everyone will contact Theresa individually about Sustainable Jersey.

April 14 Update: The GT sold about \$750 in hummus as well as bee houses.

May 3rd Eight Grade Cleanup: The kids will eat in the courtyard. Anne will get more grabbers. The ice cream truck will come at 2:40. They will stay on school property. A receipt will be needed.

New Business: Peter has tried to meet with Suez. He has reached out to O&R about the stumps. There is a disagreement about who has to pay. There will be a meeting at the Borough Hall Friday at 9:30. Peter would like there to be an ordinance stating that if utilities remove trees or other vegetation they must stump and replace them or pay \$500. He has asked Alpine and Closter for tree ordinances. He wants the

ordinance to include that if trees are cut in right of way they must be replaced or paid for. Meredith is willing to work on a Shade Tree Commission. Anne will help.

Theresa contacted the fire department about the fire pit near George Street.

Old Business

20 Pascack Subdivision: The Planning Board meets a week from Tuesday. The EC resolution about 20 Pascack went to the EC and PB.

Allegro: The PB has a subcommittee reviewing all plans, including the gas station.

Genevieve shared that she graduated in two weeks and will be staying in New Brunswick. She wondered whether she could continue on the EC for the rest of 2018. Peter said that as long as HP is her legal residence she can.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting June 5, 2018 (Tuesday): Theresa moved to adjourn, second Meredith. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.